

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA
COMMON COUNCIL
AUGUST 18, 2015
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The City of Rushville Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Council members, Brian Conner, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Makayla Herbert, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Members, Bob Bridges and Craig Smith were not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING: Disaster Recovery Funding for Rush Mobile Home Park: The public hearing for the application for the disaster recovery funding was opened. Deb Lilly said the grant was to abate storm water problems at Rush Mobile Home Park located at 832 East U.S. 52. The project is estimated to be \$425,000.00, with grant funds being requested in the amount of \$382,500.00, and a local match of \$42,500.00. Matching funds are tagged to come from the General Fund and the Cum Cap Dev Fund.

Bill Leber from Wessler Engineering said they did a study 2 years ago and explained the problem in more detail.

Questions or comments: Gary Anderson said water is coming across the park and it seems to be coming out of the ground. He said perhaps there is a broken tile. Leber said the plan is to replace the pipe.

Councilman Berkemeier asked if this will be a private drain. Leber said it would be donated to the City and it would be a public drain.

Berkemeier said his concern was that the City is putting up funds and applying for the grant, but the land owner is doing little or nothing to aid in fixing the problem.

Councilman Sheehan asked if the City can file a lien on the property to replace the matching funds. Pavey said he will have the City Attorney put something together.

Berkemeier made a motion to close the public hearing. Conner seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4 and 11th meetings as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Had a meeting regarding an adult literacy program, presented by Elaine Stewart. This will be a part of the bookstore piece at the old Salvation Army building.
2. We had a tax credit meeting.
3. Met with Grant Reeves regarding the APC/BZA.
4. Will be applying for a Fit Initiative grant to extend the sidewalk near the old Fujitsu Ten building.
5. Had a conference call with DZL related to the levee.
6. Working on the City Center and the Princess Theater.
7. Met with Peggy Welsh, the Assistant Lieutenant Governor, last week
8. Continue to meet on the parks master plan.
9. We had our HCI session one on base line assessment last Friday.
10. Last weekend we had one of our biggest concerts.
11. I have asked Carolyn Keith to come in to help us with better organization.
12. Today was the IDEM audit for the waste water treatment plant.
13. On the 21st Ed Small and a board of directors will oversee the radio station on some things that they are doing.
14. We will meet with FPBH firm to try to obtain approval for a permit at Douglas Body Shop.
15. The Booker T golf outing is this Saturday.
16. There will be an Irish Concert this Saturday.
17. The next meeting APC/BZA will be on the 25th.
18. There will be a Broadband meeting on 8/31.
19. Will be reviewing some leadership personnel that are in place now to see if we need to do any re-positioning within the departments.
20. Craig Smith is working on a retreat.
21. Brian Sheehan is putting together some ideas for a bicentennial celebration.
22. Have received some correspondence regarding the Aspen Drive situation.
23. The 16th Street light basins are in.
24. The Street Department is digging at the Farmers Market so we can put in gravel. A testing company will be in Monday to do compaction testing.
25. We had the BEP walk through today.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that she has filed 20 mowing liens and 7 clean-up liens. In the total amount of \$21,597.49.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – 2 more concerts.
- **Marketing** – Sheehan said he is meeting with Shelley King.

- **APC/BZA –**
- **City Center –**
- **Cherry Street Extension –**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Jenkins said today was the walk through on the BEP along with the pre-bid meeting. Bids will be open on August 28th. Bids should be let the first meeting in September.

Street/Park – Street Commissioner Miller said the fencing at the retention pond will go up tomorrow.

They are putting in a sidewalk at the Middle School to connect with the nature center.

Berkemeier said the park board is continuing to work out the baseball lease agreements.

Police – Chief Tucker informed Council the transmission has failed in a vehicle they were using that was obtained from a forfeiture. He asked permission to purchase a used vehicle from the federal asset forfeiture funds not to exceed \$10,000.00 to replace this vehicle. Berkemeier made a motion to purchase a used vehicle not to exceed 10,000.00 from the federal forfeiture funds. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tucker said the joint committee met to discuss the centralized dispatch unit. He said there was discussion if the units could coexist as 2 separate units, but operate under one roof. They will continue discussions and he and the Sheriff will go before the commissioners Monday.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Drainage** – Met to discuss drainage issue on 16th Street.
2. **Farm Contract Schedule** – Scheduled for the next commissioners meeting.
3. **Property Adjacent to Merrill Magee** – Newhouse asked Magee to attend a meeting for discussion. Magee did not show up.
4. **Waggoner Pool Study Year-End Closeout** – Will meet with the park board president and Jemmy Miller to discuss further action.
5. **BEP Walk Thru 8/18/15** – Discussed.

6. **Advanced Life Support Fees** – The City Attorney will prepare an ordinance for fee structure.

Chief Jenkins asked if we want a fee for SOR's. (signature of release) He explained that these are calls that are not transported but materials are used. He said insurance does not pay unless the patient is transported. The Chief will review and come up with a suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2015-8 Amending Drug Policy** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-8. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2015-11 Application for Disaster Recovery Funding** – Councilman Berkemeier asked that it go on record that he agrees with the resolution and that this is the best for the City and the people of the mobile home park. He said he is frustrated that the City is working to fix the problem, but the park owner is not. He said we have a responsibility to the residents to help them.

Councilman Sheehan asked if this was a highly competitive grant. Lilly said there are many applications and it is competitive. Lilly said, we do have a good use of funds. She said Ocras has a storm water round that may be a possibility if this does work out for us.

Conner made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-11. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Fire/Rescue-Vehicle Replacement for On-Call** – Chief Jenkins asked permission to purchase a 2007 Tahoe to replace the on-call vehicle. He would be trading in 2 1997 Jeeps. The cost of the Tahoe is \$19,773.00 plus 3000 trade in. Sheehan made a motion to approve the purchase. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Advertisement on the "Welcome to Rushville" Banner** – Mayor Pavey said he has had a request from a business to put their company logo on the welcome to Rushville banner for advertisement. He asked Council to think about this and they could make a decision at a later date.

CLAIMS: Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Deb Lilly informed Council that they will be refurbishing the old Salvation Army building to house 7 - 2 bedroom apartments for seniors. She said they are close to sending out to bid.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

